

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) A stylus for use with a light sensitive user input device, comprising:
a light-emitting device configured to emit a light beam through a tip of the stylus when the tip is not in contact with an input surface of the input device, the light beam having a property that abruptly changes when the tip of the stylus sufficiently contacts the input surface, the abrupt change in the light beam being detectable by the light sensitive user input device.
2. (Original) The stylus of claim 1, further comprising a switch coupled to the tip, the switch configured to actuate the abrupt change.
3. (Original) The stylus of claim 1, wherein the abrupt change is a change in beam intensity.
4. (Original) The stylus of claim 1, wherein the abrupt change is a change in beam wavelength.
5. (Original) The stylus of claim 1, wherein the abrupt change is a change in beam modulation.
6. (Original) The stylus of claim 5, wherein the change in beam modulation is a change in frequency modulation.
7. (Original) The stylus of claim 5, wherein the change in beam modulation is a change in duty cycle of the modulation.
8. (Original) The stylus of claim 5, wherein the change in beam modulation is a change in pulse width of the modulation.
9. (Original) The stylus of claim 1, wherein the abrupt change is cross-sectional size of the

beam.

10. (Original) The stylus of claim 1, wherein the abrupt change is a change in polarization.

11. (Original) The stylus of claim 1, further comprising an auxiliary switch for controlling the light beam.

12. (Original) The stylus of claim 11, wherein the auxiliary switch turns the light beam on and off.

13. (Original) The stylus of claim 11, wherein the auxiliary switch causes the abrupt change in the light beam to simulate a condition where the tip contacts the input surface.

14. (Original) The stylus of claim 11, wherein the auxiliary switch changes the beam intensity.

15. (Original) The stylus of claim 11, wherein the auxiliary switch changes the beam modulation.

16. (Original) The stylus of claim 11, wherein the auxiliary switch changes the beam wavelength.

17. (Original) The stylus of claim 11, wherein the auxiliary switch focuses the beam.

18. (Original) The stylus of claim 11, wherein the auxiliary switch defocuses the beam.

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